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Security Council

10 a.m.		4861st meeting	Security Council Chamber
	1.	Adoption of the agenda	
	2.	The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning		Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
		The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
		Other matters	
3.30 p.m.		Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
		Oil-for-food	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4861st meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

An informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Frechette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security, will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber (see p. 7). *[Open to all delegations]*

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 50th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 51st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Introduction of A/C.3/58/L.50, A/C.3/58/L.51, A/C.3/58/L.52, A/C.3/58/L.53, A/C.3/58/L.54, A/C.3/58/L.55, A/C.3/58/L.56, A/C.3/58/L.57, A/C.3/58/L.58, A/C.3/58/L.59, A/C.3/58/L.60, A/C.3/58/L.61 and A/C.3/58/L.62

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [115 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.33/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.47

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Development account (A/58/404 and A/58/7/Add.5); Additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations (A/58/400 and A/58/7/Add.5); Proportion of General Service staff to Professional staff in the regional commissions (A/58/403 and A/58/7/Add.5); Comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat (A/58/398 and A/58/7/Add.5); and United Nations Fund for International Partnerships (A/58/173))

Second Committee

The informal consultations of the Second Committee, scheduled for *today*, 19 November 2003, at 3 p.m., have been postponed to a later date.

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)", and A/C.2/58/L.35 entitled "Rules of Procedure of the Governing Council of UN-Habitat" (agenda item 101) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.14 entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind" (agenda item 94 (f)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Argentina)

10 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.4 entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.38 entitled "Commodities" (agenda item 91 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7 entitled "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa"; and A/C.2/58/L.15 entitled "International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2004" (agenda item 94 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Nigeria)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second Session" (agenda item 94) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany)

12 noon–2 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27 entitled "Women in development" (agenda item 93 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.22 entitled "Sustainable development in mountain regions" (agenda item 94 (g)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

2–4 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.10 entitled "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction" (agenda item 94 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development"; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23 entitled "Public administration and development" (agenda item 12) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

4–5 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.13 entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Slovenia)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Room C-209B

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Eastern European Group *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: habitat)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: programme of work, financing for development, and cybersecurity)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

2.30–4.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

5.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(on the Marrakech Conference on South-South Cooperation)*

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the girl child (organized by the Permanent Mission of Namibia)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

African Group *(Fifth Committee experts)*

12.45–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

African Group *(ministers of the countries of the Great Lakes region)*

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Caribbean Community (CARICOM) *(on Second Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on draft resolution entitled "Office of the Representative for Children and Armed Conflicts" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Gabon)

2–3.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and by the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled " World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance and the Comprehensive Implementation of and follow up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action" (agenda item 115 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3 p.m.–5 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Violence against women" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held *today*, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Meeting of the Group of French-speaking Ambassadors

There will be a meeting of the Group of French-speaking Ambassadors (New York) with Mr. Adbou Diouf, Secretary-General of the International Organization of la Francophonie, *today*, 19 November 2003, at 12 noon in Conference Room 4.

Symposium on population and development

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS", organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will be held *today*, 19 November 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org]

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

Wednesday, 19 November 2003

Room S-226

12 noon — Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 20 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. — Informal briefing[1] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General, on United Nations staff security

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

11 a.m. — 3rd meeting (closed) — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly (agenda item 55) [A second Informal Note (Annex I) and Elements for consideration for a working text on revitalization of the General Assembly (Annex II) by the President of the General Assembly were faxed to all missions on Friday, 14 November 2003.]

[1] Open to all delegations.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Thursday, 20 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Security Council

Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

There will be a meeting of the Security Council Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa on Thursday, 20 November 2003, *at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8*.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html). Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* on Thursday and Friday, 20 and 21 November 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room D.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 26 November and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "International assistance and cooperation with the Alliance for the Sustainable Development of Central America" (agenda item 40 (b)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Panama (on behalf of the Central American Group), will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations" (agenda item 40 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals"

There will be a round table on "The Nexus Between the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus and Meeting the Millennium Development Goals" on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Alex Palmason, International Monetary Fund, New York Office, will lead the discussion. The event is co-sponsored by the World Federation of United Nations Associations and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions,

Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees"

There will be a panel discussion on "Information Session on the Work of the General Assembly and its Main Committees", co-sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) and the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 986-8557].

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution entitled "Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development" (agenda item 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend. This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee experts level)*

There will be a meeting of Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the Third Committee experts level)* on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

There will a meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (agenda item 60), organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation, on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

United Nations Office for Project Services

There will be an informal consultation on various issues contained in Executive Board decisions 2003/26 and 2003/27, on Monday, 24 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, in the Main Conference Room (4th floor) at UNOPS Headquarters.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 3 and Thursday, 4 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 26 November 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Monday, 1 December 2003. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

Security Council

4860th meeting (closed) *The situation in Guinea-Bissau*

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4860th meeting, held in private on 18 November 2003, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'The situation in Guinea-Bissau'.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Perreira Rosa.

"The President extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), His Excellency Mr. Gert Rosenthal; the representative of the current Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), His Excellency Mr. Nana Effah-Apenteng; the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, His Excellency Mr. Henrique Valle; the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC, His Excellency Mr. Dumisani Kumalo; and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS), Mr. David Stephen.

"The Secretary-General, the President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, members of the Security Council, the President of ECOSOC, the representative of the current Chairman of ECOWAS, the representative of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries, the Chairman of the Ad hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau of ECOSOC and the Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of UNOGBIS had a constructive exchange of views."

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Main Committees

Third Committee

49th meeting

Advancement of women [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines revised and corrected the draft resolution and announced that Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Mongolia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, Swaziland, Timor-Leste and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Bolivia, Croatia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Honduras, Kyrgyzstan, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uruguay also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Angola, Bolivia, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, El Salvador, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Kyrgystan, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tunisia and Uganda joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [117 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.46

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Niger joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Following a statement by the representative of Chile, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

The representative of Switzerland made a statement (also on behalf of Australia, Canada, Liechtenstein, New Zealand and Norway).

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.49

The representative of Yemen made a statement with regard to the draft resolution.

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document as well as Greece.

Estonia, Iceland, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin, the Sudan, Egypt, Malaysia, Yemen, China, Gabon and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Secretary responded to points raised.

Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Committee against Torture
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

585th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [7]

The Committee examined the third periodic report of Cameroon (CAT/C/34/Add.17). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [9]

The Committee examined communications under article 22 of the Convention.

586th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [7]

The Committee continued the examination of the initial report of Yemen (CAT/C/16/Add.10).

Consideration of information under article 20 of the Convention [8]

The Committee discussed matters relating to article 20 of the Convention.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Thirty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 18 November 2003

42nd–43rd meetings *Consideration of reports* [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of the Russian Federation (E/C.12/4/Add.10).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Accession: Monaco (13 November 2003)[1]

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Approval: France (18 November 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO will be "Town Hall Meeting on the Theme of the Fifty-seventh DPI/NGO Annual Conference". The Briefing will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

Lecture series to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche

The Department of Public Information, in association with the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies of the City University of New York Graduate Center, is holding a series of lectures to mark the birth centenary of Ralph Bunche. The second lecture, entitled "From Ralph Bunche to Lakhdar Brahimi: The Future of Peacekeeping and

Mediation", will be held on Thursday, 20 November 2003, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mr. David Malone, President of International Peace Academy, will be the keynote speaker and H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Dame Margaret Anstee, former Under-Secretary-General, who served as Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Angola and Chief, United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM III), will be the discussants. Sir Brian Urquhart, former Under Secretary-General, will moderate the event, which will be introduced by Mr. Shashi Tharoor, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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